Opening of New branches of Central Cooperative Banks in Andhra Pradesh

1611 . SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open new branches of the Central Co-perative Bank in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the places where these branches are proposed to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) Central Cooperative Banks (CCBs) are under the administrative control of State Government and are governed by the respective Cooperative Legislation of the State. In terms of Section 23(1) (b) of Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (as applicable to Cooperative Societies), the CCBs need not obtain prior permission of Reserve Bank of India for opening of new branches within their area of operation. They are, however, required to approach the Registrar of Co-operative Societies (RCS) of the concerned State for permission to open branches within their area of operation.

Excise Duty on Tyres

1512. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Automotive Tyre Manufacturer's Association (ATMA) have protested against the steen increase in excise duty on automative tyres; and

(b) whether Government will review the increase in the interest of indigenous tyre industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) In their letter dated the 6th March, 1993, the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association have, inter alia, requested reconsideration of excise duty increase on tyres, made in the Budget, 1993.

(b) The specific rates of excise duty applicable to tyres tubes and flaps were revised marginally upwards, by about 10 per cent, with effect from 28.2.1993. There is no proposal, at present, before the Government to revise these rates of duty.

Excise duty on Footwear

1613. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of revenue Government of India had received during the years 1992-93 and 1991—92 by way of excise duty on footwear; and

(b) what is the objective of Government in keeping exise duty on footwear under chapter 64 of Excise Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The amount collected by way of excise duty on footwear, etc. and parts of such articles falling within Chapter 64 of the Central Excise Tariff in 1991-92 was Rs. 26.85 crores and, in 1992-93, it was estimated ot Rs. 37 crores (R.E.).

(b) The obective of levying excise duty on footwear is to collect revenue.

Customs Duty on Ferrous Scrap

1614. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether customs duty was increased by 50 per cent only on one